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In re application of:
Jean-Claude Thibault et al DECISION ON PETITION
Serial No.: 09/841,371
Filed: April 24, 2001
For: METHOD OF SEALING A CARTRIDGE
OR OTHER MEDICAL CONTAINER WITH A
PLASTIC CLOSURE

This is a decision on the petition received on September 30, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed June 18, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned August 19, 2001. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 22, 2002.

On September 20, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney responded to the Notice of Missing Parts on September 14, 2001.

The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners responded to the Notice of Missing Parts on September 14, 2001.

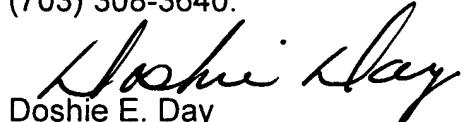
The petition is hereby Granted.

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The application has been completed for release to Technology Center 3721.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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